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Letter dated 9 May 2011 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) whose mandate will expire on 30 June 2011.

In paragraph 18 of resolution 1962 (2010), the Security Council requested me to provide to it a full report no later than 31 May 2011 on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire, including recommendations on possible adjustments in the structure and strength of UNOCI. By that same resolution, the Council requested me to deploy a technical assessment mission to Côte d'Ivoire, following legislative elections due to be held early in 2011, that will focus on the evolving security situation, as well as the prospects of consolidating the stability of the country following the completion of the electoral cycle. During the consultations of 13 April 2011, the members of the Security Council reiterated their wish that the Secretariat send an assessment mission to Côte d'Ivoire.

As you know, the legislative elections could not be held as scheduled early in 2011 owing to the crisis following the second round of the presidential elections. The post-election crisis also delayed the deployment of the assessment mission, which arrived in Côte d'Ivoire on 1 May 2011. To that end, and in order to be able to include the observations of the technical assessment mission as well as my own recommendations on the mandate, organization and strength of UNOCI, I propose that issuance of the report be deferred until 30 June 2011, and that the Council authorize a technical rollover of the mandate of UNOCI to 31 July 2011.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) BAN Ki-moon

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